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Mrs. Kathryn H. Dunn

WIFE, MOTHER,
HOME ECONOMICS TEACHER

*"So long as there are homes to which men turn, at close
of day;
So long as there are homes where children are, where
women stay,
If love and loyalty and faith be found across these sills,
A stricken nation can recover from its gravest ills."*

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Class Song

"HAIL, HIGGINS JUNIOR HIGH"

(Adapted from "Hail, Pennsylvania")

Hail, Higgins Junior High! Steadfast
and strong;
To thee with loyal hearts we sing this
song,

Swelling to heaven high, our many
praises ring;

Hail, Higgins Junior High, to thee we
sing.

Hail, Higgins Junior High! Guide of
our youth;

Lead thou thy children on to light and
truth;

Ne'er can thy spirit die, nor thy walls
decay,

Hail, Higgins Junior High, for thee we
pray.

Class Poem

A school that has been treasured
By those who have passed through,
Has won the hearts of another class,
As '53 bids her adieu.

It seems as though it started
And ended all so fast;
We tried to think, dear Higgins,
That it would always last.

You've taught us well for we all know,
That life beckons backwards never,
So under our banner of "Blue and Gold."
We point our steps "Forward Forever."

—JOAN LUCZAI

To the Class of 1953:

This is the season when throughout the length and breadth of our land, young people by the thousands are counted among the graduates of our grade schools, high schools, colleges and universities. It is proper therefore that we on this momentous occasion accord to you, graduates of the Class of 1953 and to all other graduates everywhere our heartiest felicitations.

Your graduation day above all others belongs to you. It is a day which symbolizes the departing of one era while at the same time beckoning to another which we can only hope will be both pleasant and fruitful. It is both a time for jubilation and sober reflection. It is a moment for re-evaluation of ideals, attitudes, purposes and objectives. For you, this is truly a moment of decision.

God grant that your decisions in the years to come may be sound. Today, there are forces at work in this great land which if left to their own devices would undermine the very foundations of our American Way of life. Those of you graduating today must like every other American prepare yourselves to protect, preserve and perpetuate those high ideals which have made America great among the nations of the world.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

ERNEST K. WHITE

Principal

Class History

*The waves of hope rose high
In the hearts of a brand new class,
One September day of '51
As through Higgins' doors they passed.*

*And the unknown school looked strange
The halls and stairways o'er,
As the band of newcomers found their
seats
In the rooms on the second floor.*

HOW truly this tells the story of our first venture into a new life as Junior High School students! We had high hopes of doing great things, and those hopes were certainly mixed with fear and ignorance of the large building we now know so well—there were so many rooms to remember, so many teachers.

Like swarms of bees, we buzzed with excitement as we entered Higgins School for the first time as seventh graders on September 7, 1951. With all one hundred eight of us chattering, confusion reigned but everyone soon settled down to our first task of getting to know our new classmates and teachers.

Student Council was organized soon after home room officers had been chosen. Keen competition for the offices resulted in the election of all upper classmen.

Next on our activity program came the annual magazine drive. Paced by the eighth grade, the volume of sales and profit was the highest ever. High salesmen, Joan Bodley and Allan Mitchell of the eighth grade and Joyce Shea of the seventh grade, accompanied by Mrs. Fahey, attended a big league baseball game in Boston. During April, the school was entertained at a movie as a result of their fine work as salesmen.

We were happy when we learned that the various clubs were to be organized. Among these were the Junior Hi-Y Club, Glee Club, Home Economics, Chorus, Newspaper, Camera and Art Clubs. At the first meetings, officers were chosen.

"Meet Me at the Fair" was the theme song on September 12th and 15th when school was dismissed for the Eastern States Exposition and the Four Town Fair. We were glad to learn at the Four Town Fair that our school had won first prize for safety posters.

One out-of-school activity was the formation of a bowling league which met on Thursday nights and which had about sixty pupils as members.

Twice during the year we had opportunities to demonstrate our work to our parents and friends. During National Education Week we held open house and greeted many visitors. A feature of the week was a tea held on Wednesday afternoon.

In May, our parents visited the Annual School Exhibit held in our auditorium. The feature of the week's exhibit was a special program held on Wednesday night with entertainment and refreshments.

Although there were few assemblies, we enjoyed those we had. Room 7² presented a musical program with community singing and orchestra selections. At another assembly we were fortunate to have Mr. Charles Parakilas, a Connecticut University student, describe for us a mock assembly of the Connecticut State Legislature in which he had taken part. From his talk we learned a great deal about the workings of the Legislature. In May, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Babbit, field naturalists, conducted an educational assembly in which they showed colored pictures and live specimens.

In December Mr. White suffered a sudden attack of appendicitis and was rushed to the Springfield Hospital. We were happy that there were no complications and he was able to return soon. Mrs. O'Neil was acting principal during Mr. White's absence.

The day before Christmas vacation there were gay parties in all the rooms. Refreshments and entertainment featured the parties. Everyone exchanged gifts and wished each other a Merry Christmas.

The ever-present report cards, those things which make us sit up and take notice of the way in which we do our work, were with us five times during the year. Some of the marks were good, but there was room for improvement in all of us.

A Sports Dance was held with the profits to be used to buy athletic equipment. The dance was well attended and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable evening.

Under the direction of Coach Shapiro, basketball practice got under way with about forty candidates reporting. Of

these, thirteen made the team, which had a fine season, winning four games and losing two. The team looked forward to an even better season in the eighth grade with Provencher, Romano, Orefice, Gregorski, Nosal, Gongola and Gove returning. High scorers on the team were Gregorski and Provencher.

The girls were thrilled when they learned there was going to be an intramural softball league. With Mr. White as coach, six teams were formed with the Higgins' Hitters winning the championship.

Baseball practice started in the middle of April with many candidates reporting. The team was picked and won its first five games before being beaten by Hazardville. Sparked by the hitting of Spanswick and the pitching of Rinaldi, the team tied Hazardville for the Junior High School League honors. Seven lettermen awaited the next year: Scalia, Russotto, Gregorski, Provencher, Bro-mage, Curcio and Gove.

The seventh grade was happy to be invited to see the Class Day exercises and all welcomed the talents left by the upperclassmen.

We were all sad to see our friends in the eighth grade go, but as we started our summer vacation, our spirits lifted at the thought that we would be the eighth graders next year.

After what seemed a very short vacation, the one-hundred eight of us found ourselves back as those very eighth graders, feeling grown up and trying to act that way.

The first important project was the organization of the home rooms with the election of officers for each room, and soon after this the Student Council for the entire school was organized under Mr. White's direction. Elected to guide us through the first half of the year were President, Vivian Wezowicz; Vice-President, Joseph Orefice; and Secretary, Karl Russotto. This group sponsored a well-attended dance in January to raise money for the March of Dimes.

Glee Club was soon organized by Mrs. Mary O'Neil, who had the task of getting music out of us. The club presented a program of carols at the Rotary Christmas Carol Sing and entertained at several assemblies. Mrs. Kathryn Dunn directed the Home Economics Club which had among its projects a dance held in October and an enjoyable social with an interesting talk by Miss Kathryn Lin from Formosa. The Hi-Y Club was organized with Mr. White as advisor. This club sponsored a dance and had several worthwhile

meetings. An outstanding speaker at one meeting was Mr. Lewis Fox who talked about Religious Loyalty.

Soon after the school year began, the annual magazine drive was started. Our sales totaled \$2,482.72 with the eighth grade leading by a small margin. In the spring the winners, Joan Luczai, William Friday, Joyce Shea, John Gourlie, accompanied by Miss Delaney, went to Boston to see a baseball game. The entire school saw a moving picture in March as a reward for selling so many magazines.

So that we might become more literary, our school library was re-organized. All the books were catalogued, a card file was set up, and a new method of student withdrawal of books was instituted. The proceeds from a dance helped to pay for new equipment for the library.

We all had an opportunity to show our talent during the year. Six assemblies were presented by the eighth grade pupils. An Armistice Day program was given by the students of 8⁶. The guest speaker was Mr. Arthur FitzGibbons of the American Legion. At Thanksgiving time we welcomed another guest speaker, Reverend John M. DeZinno of St. Patrick's Church, who brought us a Thanksgiving message.

In February we enjoyed a patriotic assembly prepared by the students of 8⁸. The March assembly consisted of an interesting playlet by the class of 8⁷ and an entertaining group of Irish songs presented by the 8⁷ boys' choir. Something different in assembly programs was the History Quiz conducted by 8⁵ at which prizes were awarded the winners. An interesting assembly was presented in May by the Girls' Domestic Science class of 8⁶ to show the pupils the rights and wrongs about manners.

Anxiety filled our hearts as the first report card was issued to us on October 23. Some were pleased and some were not. The same uncertainty was present when our other report cards were issued to us in December, February, April and June.

Everyone came dressed in his finest in December on the day we had our pictures taken for the Tatler. During this month eighth grade officers were also elected. George Paré was elected President; Vincu Gennusa, Vice-President; and Marion Tkacz, Secretary.

As Christmas drew near we were all happy to do our part in the annual sale of Christmas Seals. The pupils were filled with Christmas Spirit and they enjoyed their Christmas parties at

which the Glee Club and the Junior Chorus participated in carol singing.

Shortly after vacation, a new Student Council was organized to guide us through the last half of the year. Council officers were Joseph Orefice, President; Michael Nosal, Vice-President; and Karl Russotto, Secretary.

When it was time to pick our subjects for next year in high school, we were guided in our choice by talks given by members of the faculty of Enfield High School. These talks were given at a series of vocational assemblies.

Again during our eighth grade year we had open house, at which time our parents and friends came to see the pupils' work and play. The first open house was during Education Week in November, and in May we had a School Exhibit where the pupils displayed their own work.

The 1953 Higgins School basketball team had one of the school's best records. The team won the Junior High School League championship by sweeping all six of its league games, and it won victories over Suffield Academy and Enfield High School Freshmen. The play was sparked by teamwork and Gregorski's high scoring.

Seven regular baseball players returned to the squad early in the spring and contributed some excellent fielding and hitting to the team's 1953 record.

Although there were no girls' athletic teams, the boys' teams received much support and encouragement from their girl school-mates, led by eight peppy cheer-leaders.

Our literary activities began with the formation of the Tatler Staff in February, with Howard Daly as editor-in-chief and Carolyn Harris, assistant editor. With the assistance of a large literary and business staff, the graduation issue of our Tatler was prepared.

Thoughts of graduation took first place in our minds in the spring and there was much to be planned and decided. Committees chose "Forward Forever" as the class motto, blue and gold for the colors, and the American Beauty Rose as the flower.

In the midst of all our excitement, our greatest interest was in the announcement of honors. We were happy to find that George Paré had earned the honor of being our val-e-dictorian and Rosemarie Peraro our salutatorian.

Class Day arrived before we realized it, and on that great day we heard the

History, Prophecy, Will, Poem, and Statistics of our class.

One of our most enjoyable graduation festivities was our class picnic at Mt. Tom Amusement Park. We had a grand time, but a feeling of sadness was within us at this final class get-together.

On the night of June 16, 1953, we reached at last the goal for which we had set out away back in September, 1951. We had had many experiences—some pleasant and some unhappy—and these were the two kinds of feelings which filled our hearts. We were joyful because we had accomplished our task and were receiving our diplomas. Our sadness came at the thought of leaving Higgins Junior High.

And now that our junior high school days were over and some of our dreams of that first September day had come true, as we ended this chapter of our personal histories, we thought—

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And we hope we've left behind us
Footprints on the Higgins' sands of time.

Historians:

Lynn Bloomquist

Howard Bromage

Class Statistics

Prettiest Girl.....	Mary Lou Wagner
Handsomest Boy.....	Donald Gongola
Most Popular Girl.....	Jean Rega
Most Popular Boy.....	Michael Nosal
Quietest Girl.....	Madeline Morrison
Quietest Boy.....	Francis Maciolek
Most Talkative Girl.....	Angela Gatto
Most Talkative Boy.....	Anthony Scalia
Class Artist.....	John Crosson
Wittiest Girl.....	Marion Tkacz
Wittiest Boy.....	Joseph Orefice
Glamour Girl.....	Jean Rega
Glamour Boy.....	Michael Nosal
Class Musician.....	Lawrence Kiszka
Class Poet.....	Joan Luczai
Smartest Girl.....	Rosemarie Peraro
Smartest Boy.....	George Pare
Best all-round Girl.....	Joan Luczai
Best all-round Boy.....	Robert Gregorski
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HIGGINS SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

—Photo by Brown

“Forward Forever”

VALEDICTORY

THIS year the graduating class has chosen as its motto, “Forward Forever”. These words mean much more to us than just a saying to add color to our graduation exercises. They will act as a beacon, helping to guide us to success, not only in high school and perhaps college, but in later life as we go out into the world.

“Forward Forever” could also be a motto for the Fiftieth Anniversary of Aviation. Through the ages aviation has advanced rapidly and it seems as if it will continue to progress indefinitely. In the early ages men dreamed of flying. Early legends tell of men attempting to fly with wings attached to their bodies. The first real success came in 1783 when a balloon was raised by the Montgolfier brothers at Annoy, France. This balloon was thirty-five feet in diameter and rose to a height of six thousand feet.

After extensive work and study, Orville and Wilbur Wright flew the first self-propelled airplane at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, in 1903. Since then powered flight has advanced rapidly, and now we are entering the age of jet propelled aircraft.

The idea of jet power is not new; it is in fact an idea centuries old. The reality has been developed only in modern wartime when countries are trying to gain air supremacy. Jet aircraft today carry men faster than ever before and even greater speeds can be attained when this power is fully developed.

The jet engine is practically a big combustion chamber. A fan or compressor inside of the mouth sucks air in and forces it backwards into the chamber. Here air is mixed with fuel and burned. This combustion creates hot, expanding gases which blast out through the rear nozzle with terrific force; this propels the plane steadily forward.

It was about the time of the first settlement of America in 1620 that someone had the idea of using jet power to propel vehicles. It took the great brain of Sir Isaac Newton to design a jet powered horseless carriage. It was designed on the idea of a tea kettle with

steam pushing it forward, but Newton's idea never got beyond the planning stage.

To the regret of all, jet engines now are being used mainly to power warplanes. This unfortunately tends to tear down instead of build up our civilization. World powers are trying to develop faster and more economical jet engines in order to gain the lead in the world's air warfare.

However, jet planes are beginning to be used for peaceful commercial flights. The first all-jet commercial airliner, first flown in 1952, is the Comet, made by the De Havilland Company of England. This plane has been breaking records that people once believed would stand forever.

This thirty-six passenger plane speeds through the stratosphere at an average of four-hundred ninety miles per hour. The Comet's passengers can sit back and enjoy a calm and noise-free ride.

It is to be expected that it will take time to make a complete change to jet power. Many of the large airlines are slowly developing jet service and in years to come commercial jet power will prove propeller power inadequate. As jet power has changed the course of modern warfare, it also promises a great future for commercial travel, carrying men faster and farther in a more comfortable and safer way.

Although propeller driven planes have made the world smaller, in my opinion, jet aircraft will bring world neighbors even nearer together. I think, if used wisely, jet power can tend to create a better understanding among nations and help us to take a great step forward toward world harmony.

By going “Forward Forever”, the class of 1953 can achieve success in life. We promise to make the faculty here at A. D. Higgins proud of us. Unfortunately it is time to say our last goodbye. Before we leave, my classmates and I would like to express our deep appreciation to our parents; our teachers; our principal, Mr. White; Mr. Lee, Superintendent of Schools and the Enfield Board of Education. It is a great honor to represent the class of 1953 in thanking all those who have helped us look “Forward Forever”.

George Paré

Class Prophecy

(A TRIP INTO THE FUTURE)

The class of '53

As seen in '63

FRANCIS Maciolek and Carolyn Harris through their magic wand take us on a trip into the future. Come along and see for yourself how we have progressed.

Mike Nosal, Tim Provencher and Tony Romano are members of the famous basketball team, "The World Bouncers."

Judy Smith and Beverly Modzelewski are very popular stewardesses on the T. W. A. Airplane. They see the world while they work.

Jean Marino and Joyce Shea became nurses and are assigned to the "Submarine Command."

Tommy Sacco, Fred Nestor, Sam Sferrazza and Albert Nitch are artists in New York. They have their own comic strip, "Bringing Up Mother."

Marline and Maureen O'Neill are secretaries for Dr. Richard Nowak, a noted physician.

Philip Quinn, Karl Russotto and Tony Scalia have excelled the records of all the former New York Yankee players.

George Paré is the senior senator from Connecticut.

Rosemarie Peraro is furthering her singing career in France.

Peter Pacholski, Bert Richardson and Francis Zator are successful farmers in Enfield.

Eleanor Montano, Madelene Morrison and Alice Riley are hat check girls in the club owned by Richard Skizewski in New York.

Jean Rega, Beverly Secondo, Marion Tkacz and Mary Lou Wagner are contestants for the "Miss Universe" title.

Rita Olschafskie and Carolyn Tanguay have become outstanding physical directors in one of our leading colleges.

June Pierog, Rita Santa Croce, Angie Vizzola and Vivian Wezowicz are models for Edward Nedjoka's Fashion House.

Diane Skower, Marianne Wrisley and Dorothy Zawistowski are the newest movie discoveries staring in "Shirts Ahoy".

Helene Rybczyk, Frances Vesce and Georgina Stacy are teachers at good old Higgins. The principal is Wayne Smyth.

Mary Ann Sokol and Beverly Young are members of a girls' basketball team.

Wayne Michaels, a famous scientist, is working on a new product "Scino," which will lessen all housework.

Sam Peraro and Louis Secondo are to be auditioned for the radio and television version of the "Fat Man Series."

Raymond Vane and John Vella are the two newest comedians in Show Business and they are pretty good.

Elaine Pease, Victoria Rush, and Joe Orefice are the new sensational dancing team on Broadway.

Robert Jemiolo and Larry Kaminski have opened a coffee shop and expect to make over fifteen million dollars this year. Their workers seem pleased with their jobs especially Howard Daly. He's "coffee taster."

Joan Luczai has organized a girls baseball team. Some of the players are Mary Jane Albano and Angela Corenza. Their great record is 10-0. No wins and ten losses.

Angela Gatto and Vincyn Gennusa have now become movie stars and are the most popular girls in Hollywood. The agents who helped them reach stardom are John Crosson and Dennis Blaney.

Lawrence Kiszka and his orchestra have toured the country several times. He sure pays a heavy income tax.

Stanley "muscles" Garstka, a professional wrestler, has just defeated Kenneth "strangler" Cote in a close match.

Robert Gregorski now manages his own baseball team. His best players are Carmine Criscitelli, Roy Curcio and a great new rookie Howard Bromage.

William Chickosky and Lawrence D'Addabbo have just left on a trip for the moon in a new rocket ship designed by Rupert Gove and Clifford Konopka.

A new jet powered car has been made and is being tested by James Colletti and his partner Robert Combs.

Professor Edward Avery and his assistant Robert Barrila have discovered a new chemical which will prevent rheumatism.

Vincyn Liguore has just written a book entitled "How to Stay Thin."

Anna Flasiński, Mary Ann Cassamassa, Catherine Belanger, and Vincyn Gacona

(Continued under Class Will)

Graduates of 1953

Albert James Albano, "Bones"
Honor Student, Jr. Hi-Y, Graduation Photographs

Albert is always very happy,
Telling jokes so quick and snappy.

Mary Jane Albano
Honor Student, Sports Editor of Tatler, Glee Club, Home Economics Club

Mary Jane's hair is long and black,
And for making friends she has a knack.

Edward Avery, "Roland"
Boys' Choir, Student Council

Edward is president of his class,
In his subjects we're sure he'll pass.

Robert Barrila, "Bob"
Bus Monitor

Robert is quiet and somewhat ambitious;
However, at times he can be mischievous.

William Baskerville, "Willie"
Boys' Choir, Traffic Committee, Basement Committee, Noon Hour Duty

Billy likes all kinds of cars,
When he owns one, he'll travel far.

Catherine Belanger, "Cathy"
Home Economics Club, Traffic Monitor, Glee Club

Catherine is a friend in need,
As a Wave she will succeed.

Dennis Blaney, "Bull"
Glee Club, Basketball, Basement Committee, Chairman of Playground Committee, Student Council

Dennis is husky and tall,
His greatest love is basketball.

Lynn Marjorie Blomquist
High Honor Student, Home Economics Club, Literary Editor of Tatler

Lynn is quiet and so shy,
But on her we all rely.

Howard Mills Bromage, Jr.
High Honor Student, Sports Editor of Tatler, Junior Hi-Y, Nominating Committee, Baseball, Basketball

Physical Education is Howard's aim;
He'll surely make the Hall of Fame.

Martin D. Buoniconti

Martin may be rather short,
But you can't find a better sport.

Donna Burgess
Traffic Monitor, Lunch Monitor, Gym Monitor

Donna is always in our minds,
Because she is so nice and kind.

Joyce M. Caramazza, "Carrie"

Joyce is always laughing and gay,
And always has plenty of time to play.

Angela Carenza, "Angel"
Traffic Committee, Girl's Baseball, Basement Committee

Angela is pretty and very gay,
Smiling and happy throughout each day.

Rita J. Carrieri, "Ree"
High Honor Student, Literary Editor of Tatler, Home Economics Club, Glee Club, Class Dues

Rita's future is very bright;
Her career will soar as high as a kite.

Hilda Grace Carzello
High Honor Student, Graduation Photographs, Student Council, Home Economics Club, Glee Club

Though she is a little small,
Hilda is a friend to all.

Mary Ann Cassamassa
Glee Club, Home Economics Club, Class Gift Committee, Librarian, Girls' Baseball

Mary has a pretty smile,
And is good natured all the while.

William Chickosky, "Billy"
Junior Hi-Y, Traffic Committee

Billy seems quite shy,
But there's a twinkle in his eye.

James Colletti, "Jimmie"
Glee Club, Class Flower Committee, Traffic Monitor, Boys' Choir, Nominating Committee

A member of the Glee Club is he,
And talented as can be.

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Robert Combs "Bob"

Basement Committee, Graduation Committee

Robert is rather quiet and steady;
But when there's fun he's always ready.

Kenneth R. Cote, "Coach"

Honor Student, Orchestra, Student Council, Traffic Chairman

As a drummer he's the best in the valley,
Let's hope his steps lead to Tin-Pan Alley.

Carmen Criscitelli, "Herman"

Student Council, Traffic Committee, Class Colors

For Carmen, there'll always be fun,
When a repair job is to be done.

John Crosson, "Beans"

Student Council, Nominating Committee, Class Artist

When we need a poster made,
John always comes to our aid.

Roy Curcio, "Red"

Boys' Choir, Baseball, Basketball, Student Council, Traffic Committee

Roy is red-haired and tall,
And extremely good in basketball.

Lawrence M. D'Addabbo, "Larry"

Honor Student

Lawrence is tall in frame,
To be a carpenter is his aim.

Howard Edward Daly, "Dale"

High Honor Student, Editor-in-Chief of Tatler, Glee Club, Graduation Gift Committee

Howard Daly is a mastermind,
New inventions he will find.

Judith L. Feld, "Jud"

Traffic Monitor

She's happy and never blue,
There is no finer friend 'tis true.

Anna J. Flasinski, "Ann"

Librarian, Honor Student

This little girl of class 8-8,
Would like to be a teacher some day.

Mary Ann Frankowski

Student Council, Tatler Staff

Her sparkling eyes and wavy brown hair,
Send personality through the air.

Vincie Gacona, "Vin"

Baseball, Tatler Staff, Traffic Committee, Home Economics Club

Vincie is someone sweet,
A person everyone likes to meet.

Mary Gallo, "Marie"

Home Economics Club, Traffic Committee

Marie is dark and attractive, too,
You'll never find her feeling blue.

Stanley Paul Garstka, "Speed"

Tatler Staff, Student Council, Playground Committee

An auto mechanic Stanley will be,
But it's hard work as he will see.

Angela Gatto, "Ang"

Honor Student, Tatler Staff, Junior Hi-Y, Home Economics Club Treasurer, Cheerleader, Most Talkative Girl

Angela's good at basketball,
And as a cheerleader she beats us all.

Vincy Gennusa, "Vin"

Honor Student, Graduation Photographs, Student Council, Junior Hi-Y Vice-President, Glee Club Secretary, Home Economics Club Vice-President, Class Vice-President

When help is needed, Vincy is there,
Always ready to do her share.

Evelyn Anne Golemba, "Evie"

Honor Student, Graduation Photographs, Glee Club, Home Economics Club

Evelyn's small and a wonderful friend,
Always ready a helping hand to lend.

Judith Golden

Traffic Monitor, Bus Monitor, Basement Committee, Gym Monitor

Judith is our happy-go-lucky lass,
She finds fun in every class.

Mary Ann Golden

Home Economics Club

Her pretty blond hair is something to see,
And her manners are as nice as can be.

Denald Gongola, "Goldie"

Basketball, Handsomest Boy, Basement Committee, Student Council, Gym Monitor

To become a ball player is Donald's ambition,
We hope in some league he'll find a position.

Rupert D. Gove, "Rup"

Student Council, Class Motto Committee, Basketball, Baseball, Playground Committee, Traffic Committee

Rupert played on the basketball team,
To be a star was his fondest dream.

Robert Stephen Gregorski, "Gregor"

Honor Student, Tatler Staff, Junior Hi-Y, Baseball, Basketball, Basement Committee, Class Gift Committee, Student Council, Best All-round Boy, Best Boy Dancer

Bob, in height, so very tall, Has proved himself "pro" at basketball.

Carolyn E. Harris

High Honor Student, Assistant Editor of Tatler, Home Economics Club, Glee Club, Traffic Committee

Carolyn Harris is as neat as can be, And a fine scholar we all agree.

Robert Jemiola, "Bob"

Chairman of Traffic Committee, Glee Club, Orchestra, Student Council

Robert has a clarinet and likes to play, He might beat Artie Shaw some day.

Dortha Faye Jennings, "Dotty"

Home Economics Club, Cheerleader, Gym Monitor, Honor Student, Traffic Monitor, Captain Girls' Baseball Team

Dortha is tall and blonde, A nicer cheerleader can't be found.

Helen Johnson

Home Economics Club

Helen came to us late this year; We have found her quite a dear.

Lawrence Kaminski, "Larry"

Sports Editor of Tatler

Larry Kaminski is witty and gay; At basketball he loves to play.

Dorothy Kennedy, "Dot"

Home Economics Club, Traffic Committee, Basement Committee, Gym Monitor, Playground Committee, Gift Committee

Dorothy likes to laugh and have fun, And is always fond of everyone.

Lawrence Kiszka, "Larry"

High Honor Student, Advertising Staff of Tatler, Graduation Theme Committee, Orchestra, Class Musician

Larry is a friendly fellow, And his clarinet tones are always mellow.

Stanley Klezas, "Sonny"

Glee Club, Traffic Committee, Boys' Choir

A farmer he would like to be, He'll be a good one yet, you'll see.

Clifford Konopka, "Flip"

Orchestra, Basement Committee, Bus Monitor, Playground Committee

Cliff likes to play the saxophone, Also calls the girls on the telephone.

Emily Labonte

Home Economics Club, Gym Monitor, Basement Monitor

When there's a picture to be drawn, It's Emily Labonte that we call on.

Doris Leland

Basement Committee, Tatler Staff, Bus Monitor, Traffic Monitor

Doris is always merry and witty, And what a joy to see one so pretty.

Vincy Liquore, "Vin"

Gym Monitor

Vincy is our happy and pleasant one, Always having her work done.

Richard E. Longmore, "Red"

Traffic Monitor

A smart boy is he, A veterinarian he'd like to be.

Joan Irene Luczai, "Louie"

High Honor Student, Business Staff of Tatler, Student Council, Traffic Committee, Orchestra, President of Glee Club, President of Home Economics Club, Treasurer of Junior Hi-Y, Class Dues, Class Poet, Best All-round Girl

Joan will always be on top, Because in sports she's hard to stop.

Lois Luke

High Honor Student, Student Council, Home Economics Club Secretary, Tatler Staff, Glee Club, Basement Committee

Lois is extremely neat, And so pretty, she's a treat.

Francis Walter Maciolek, "Mitch"

High Honor Student, Advertising Staff of Tatler, Quietest Boy

Francis, oh so quiet at times, Often composes delightful rhymes..

Jean Ann Marino

Honor Student, Graduation Photographs, Home Economics Club, Glee Club

Jean is kind, gentle and gay, A fine nurse she'll make some day.

Wayne Michaels

Basement Committee, Traffic Monitor, Tatler Staff

Always happy, always gay; He finds fun in every way.

Beverly Modzelewski, "Bev"

Honor Student, Graduation Picture Committee, Nominating Committee

Beverly is happy all the time, And her personality fairly shines.

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Eleanor Montano, "Pee Wee"

Home Economics Club, Play-ground Committee, Basement Committee, Gym Monitor, Traffic Monitor

Eleanor may be cute and small,
But her personality beats them all.

Madelene Morrison, "Lee"

Home Economics Club, Quietest Girl

Madelene is quiet and shy,
She'll talk more by and by.

Edward Nedjoika, "Pudgy"

Boys' Choir, Traffic Committee, Gym Monitor

Eddie is indeed a star,
In athletics he'll travel far.

Frederick Nestor, "Fred"

Glee Club

Fred wants to fly a plane,
In a short time he'll have great fame.

Albert Nitch, "Al"

Traffic Monitor

Quiet and reserved is just his way,
You'll find him the same every day.

Michael Nosal

Basketball, Student Council Vice-President, Glamour Boy, Most Popular Boy

Michael is handsome and tall,
He is good at basketball.

Richard Nowak, "Richie"

Tatler Staff, Traffic Committee

Richie has a deep bass voice,
And a doctor will be by choice.

Rita Olschafskie, "Oakie"

Home Economics Club, Glee Club, Cheerleader, Class Flower Committee, Gym Monitor

Rita plays with spirit and zest,
In sports she does her best.

Marlene O'Neill

Home Economics Club, Graduation Theme Committee, Traffic Committee, Class Motto, Baseball

Marlene is an identical twin,
And your friendship she will win.

Maureen O'Neill

Home Economics Club, Traffic Committee, Basement Committee, Gym Monitor

When Maureen's days in school are through,
Helping others is what she'll do.

Joseph Orefice, "Joe"

Boys' Choir, President of Student Council, Traffic Committee, Basement Committee, Basketball, Wittiest Boy

Such a good talker is he,
A lawyer we're sure he'll be.

Peter Pacholski, "Speed"

Traffic Monitor

To Pete baseball is a treat,
He thinks the Yankees can't be bent.

George Raoul Paré, "Red"

Valedictorian, President of Graduation Class, Orchestra, President of Junior Hi-Y, Literary Editor of Tatler, Smartest Boy

George will succeed in life, never fear,
And someday he'll be a great engineer.

Elaine Pease, "Peasie"

Glee Club, Librarian, Traffic Monitor, Basement Monitor, Gym Monitor, Honor Student, Girls' Baseball

Elaine who is happy and gay,
Intends to be a secretary some day.

Rosemarie Ann Peraro

Salutatorian, Advertising Staff of Tatler, Glee Club, Home Economics Club, Class Motto Committee, Smartest Girl

Rosemarie has a beautiful voice;
When she sings we all rejoice.

Samuel J. Peraro, "Sam"

Honor Student, Student Council, Gym Monitor

In future years he's sure to be,
A good physician — just wait and see.

June Pierog, "Junie"

Basement Committee, Student Council, Home Economics Club, Baseball

So helpful and kind is she,
She'll always have friends, you'll see.

Timothy Provencher, "Ace"

Basketball, Baseball, Student Council, Boys' Choir, Traffic Committee

Tim excels in all kinds of sports,
But the game of basketball is his forte.

Philip Quinn

Librarian of Glee Club

Philip is growing slim and tall,
Give him a book and he'll read it all.

Jean Rega

Home Economics Club, Gym Monitor, Basement Committee, Traffic Committee, Class Color Committee, Most Popular Girl, Student Council, Glamour Girl

Jean is cute and always in a whirl;
She makes quite a glamour girl.

Bert Richardson, "Halfpint"

Basement Committee

Bert in school can't find his way;
We wish him success day by day.

Alice Jean Riley

High Honor Student, Graduation Photographs, Glee Club, Home Economics Club, Junior Hi-Y

Alice is very smart and bright,
She always tries to do things right.

Anthony Paul Romano, "Tony"

Honor Student, Advertising Staff of Tatler, Class Color Committee, Basketball, Student Council

Tony is always happy and gay;
Basketball is the sport he likes to play.

Victoria Rush, "Vickey"

Home Economics Club, Basement Committee, Class Flower Committee, Traffic Committee, Playground Committee, Girls' Baseball, Nominating Committee, Lunch Room Chairman

Smiling, freckled-faced is she,
And as friendly as can be.

Karl Francis Russotto, "Rick"

High Honor Student, Business Manager of Tatler, Secretary of Student Council, Traffic Committee, Glee Club, Basketball, Baseball

Karl is small like Eddie Stanky;
He wants to be a New York Yankee.

Helene Rybczyk, "Helen"

Honor Student, Home Economics Club, Librarian, Tatler Staff, Class Motto Committee, Basement Monitor, Traffic Monitor

It's always a pleasure to meet her,
For you'll never find anyone sweeter.

Thomas Sacco, "Spook"

Honor Student, Graduation Photographs

Tommy may be very small,
But the right answers, he can call.

Rita Santa Croce

Glee Club, Home Economics Club, Traffic Monitor, Graduation Theme Committee

Rita is a friend to all,
Everyone waves when she walks down the hall.

Anthony Scalia, "Scully"

Baseball, Student Council, Basketball, Traffic Committee, Basement Committee, Gym Monitor, Playground Committee, Most Talkative Boy

Tony likes to chatter a bit;
We always enjoy his jolly wit.

Beverly Secondo

Home Economics Club, Student Council, Traffic Monitor, Bus Monitor, Class Color Committee
Beverly is charming in every way,
She may make Hollywood someday.

Louis Joseph Secondo, "Louie"

Sports Editor of Tatler, Student Council, Basement Committee

When Louis plays basketball, it is the best;
In school he likes to joke and jest.

Samuel A. Sferrazza, "Satch"

Student Council, Graduation Committee, Basement Committee, Playground Committee

About his curls the girls like to tease,
And that does not always Sam please.

Joyce Theresa Shea, "Joycie"

High Honor Student, Business Manager of Tatler, Glee Club, Orchestra, Home Economics Club, Class Flower Committee

Joyce is fine in every way,
Popular, witty, friendly and gay.

Richard R. Skizewski, "Stretch"

Honor Student, Basement Committee, Bus Monitor, Noon Hour Duty

Richard is so very tall,
Standing beside him we feel small.

Diane E. Skower, "Devs"

Honor Student, Glee Club, Home Economics Club, Librarian
Dependable, sincere, trustworthy and sweet,
Helpful, cheerful, and always so neat.

Judith Ann Smith, "Judy"

Honor Student, Tatler Staff
In Home Ec. Judy does excel;
In cooking and sewing she does very well.

Wayne Smyth, "Smitty"

Class Colors Committee
In school, on the farm, he does his share,
And when it comes to fun, he's also right there.

Mary Ann Theresa Sokol

Honor Student, Copyist of Tatler Staff, Home Economics Club, Cheerleader

She has penmanship beautiful and neat,
She's clever and tidy — a friend who can't be beat.

Georgina Stacy, "Georgie"

Home Economics Club, Tatler Staff

A jolly good spirit and happy too,
We're sure she follows the golden rule.

Carolyn Faith Tanguay, "Carol"

High Honor Student, Advertising Staff of Tatler, Treasurer of Glee Club, Orchestra, Junior Hi-Y, Home Economics Club, Graduation Committee

Clever, artistic, sweetly gay,
Talented in every way.

Marion F. Tkacz

Glee Club, Home Economics Club, Secretary of Graduating Class, Basement Monitor, Girls' Baseball, Wittiest Girl

Marion is in school each day,
Always cheerful, happy and gay.

Raymond Vane, "Ray"

Basement Committee

To know Raymond is a delight,
For he is always so polite.

John C. Vella, "Vella"

Traffic Monitor, Honor Student

Poems, John, likes to write,
His verses are always bright.

Frances Vesce, "Franny"

Honor Student, Glee Club, Librarian, Girls' Baseball, Student Council, Traffic Monitor, Basement Monitor

No finer person you'll ever see,
A baby nurse Frances wants to be.

Angelina Vizzola, "Angie"

Tatler Staff, Glee Club, Traffic Committee, Home Economics Club

To be a secretary is Angie's aim,
In that job she will win fame.

Mary Lou Wagner, "Lulu"

Glee Club, Junior Hi-Y Club, Home Economics Club, Librarian, Graduation Committee, Nominating Committee, Noon Hour Duty, Girls' Baseball, Prettiest Girl, Best Girl Dancer

A pretty girl is Mary Lou,
She has a cheerful nature, too.

Vivian Wezowicz

Home Economics Club, Librarian, Student Council President, Class Motto Committee Chairman, Gym Monitor

Friendly and sweet; that's her way,
Helping her friends everyday.

Mary Ann Wisley

Home Economics Club

Here is a girl quiet and fair;
With beautiful black curly hair.

Beverly Young, "Bev"

Seldom a word from this lass,
But she's tops in her spelling class.

Francis J. Zater

Honor Student, Tatler Staff, Traffic Monitor, Basement Committee, Bus Monitor

Francis is nice in many a way,
He does his work well every day.

Dorothy Zawistowski, "Dottie"

Home Economics Club, Traffic Monitor, Graduation Committee, Gym Monitor, Class Flower Committee, Librarian

Dorothy is happy; Dorothy is gay;
We are all happy she is that way.



Answer the Call

One day while looking at flowers in bloom,
I heard strange sounds in the other room.

The person seemed to sob and weep,
So through the keyhole I did peek.

There I saw a little old lady,
Her name may be Jones, Smith, or O'Grady.

In a far off land, she has a son,
Who has a bullet in his lung.

His name may be Mike, John, or Bud,
But whoever he is he must have some blood!

This is something that cannot be bought,
Is this the boy that we forgot?

No, things like this folks don't forget,
They just haven't gotten 'round to it yet.

This boy's condition will be reported
"fatal,"
Unless a bottle comes through with
"Blood" on the label.

So go to it America, fill the call!
You'll find it helps you most of all.

—Carolyn Tanguay

Class Will

THE sand in the glass has run its course and time, which marks the joys and sorrows of life, beckons us forward. Loneliness creeps into our hearts as we make ready to say good-bye to dear old Higgins.

We, the class of 1953, being of sound mind and about to leave behind our grammar school education do make and publish this, our last will and testament.

Item I—To Mr. Lee, Mr. White and members of the faculty—our gratitude for the patience and understanding they showed us during our stay with them.

Item II—To the seventh grade we leave our reputation. Preserve it well.

Item III—The eighth graders wish to bestow on Miss Stewart a bottle of red ink. We are sure Miss Stewart will use it to advantage.

Certain individuals of the class of 1953 make the following bequests.

1. Francis Maciolek, the Romeo of '53, wills his romantic ability to Bobby Turner.

2. Thomas Sacco wills his basement passes, that the teachers joyfully made out, to Frank Siana.

3. Angie Vizzola leaves all the gum under her desk to John Frappier.

4. Carmen Criscitelli and Roy Curcio leave their love of study periods to Ronald Labonte and Everett Freeman.

5. Mary Jane Albano leaves her side-to-side walk to Linda Ashton.

6. Emily Labonte and Dorothy Kennedy leave their affection for Mr. Shapiro to Joanne Giaconne and Pamela Mallard.

7. Georgina Stacy wills her good humor to Adrienne Burdza.

8. Robert Gregorski and Tony Romano leave their muscles to David Rutherford and Fred Harris.

9. The girls of the eighth grade wish to leave a bottle of aspirins to Mrs. Dunn.

10. Judith Smith wills her variety of excuses for not handing homework in on time to Leon Mullen.

11. Richard Nowak leaves his questioning mind to Donald Tenerowicz.

12. John Crosson wills his clowning to Bobby Croteau.

13. Tony Scalia leaves his constant chatter to Nickey Giaconne.

14. Larry Kaminski leaves his studious and quiet ways to Carolyn Rypysc.

15. Mary Lou Wagner wills her cosmetics to Dorothy Bushey.

16. John Vella leaves his talking across the room to Charles La Fontaine.

17. Lawrence Kiszka leaves his music ability to Teddy Kopec.

18. Edward Avery leaves his everlasting grin to Raymond Turek.

19. Evelyn Golemba wills her quiet manners to Helen Maslanska.

20. Howard Daly and Stanley Klezos

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have just left Europe and are heading for Africa on their trip around the world.

Albert Albano and Richard Longmore have oil wells in Texas which produce over ten thousand barrels of oil a day.

Hilda Carzello and Lois Luke have been in Africa hunting wild animals. These specimens will be placed in the American Zoos.

Marie Gallo, Doris Leland and Donna Burgess decided to get away from men so they purchased a jet powered submarine to keep them under-water for an indefinite time.

Stanley Klezos is off the coast of Alaska hunting whales.

Rita Carrieri, Judy Feld, and Dorothy Jennings are the top roller skaters in the roller derby.

Mary Ann Frankowski, Judith Golden and Mary Ann Golden became miners. Don't laugh, they discovered a large uranium mine in the Rocky Mountains.

Donald Gongola has recently opened a new restaurant. His waitresses are Emily Labonte, Dorothy Kennedy and Joyce Caramazza.

Lynn Blomquist and Evelyn Golemba are star feminine reporters. They were sent to the North Pole to interview an Eskimo.

William Baskerville and Martin Buoniconti have just erected an ultra-modern building located in Arizona.

After this glimpse into the future, the wave of the wand they bring you back to '53. May you and everyone succeed.

Carolyn Harris
Francis Maciolek

Prizes

THE pupils of Alvin D. Higgins School announce with great pleasure that prizes will again be awarded, as in the past, to those among us who have achieved distinction in their various subjects.

The two highest honor pupils will be awarded the Alvin D. Higgins Scholarship, and the Valedictorian will have the privilege of having his or her name engraved on the scholarship plaque and will receive a scholarship key.

The outstanding citizen of the graduating class will receive a bronze key and a prize of two dollars and fifty cents.

One of our dear friends is awarding a prize of two dollars and fifty cents to the boy and girl doing the best work in dictation.

The outstanding student in history

will receive five dollars from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Woman's Club will award five dollars to the students with the highest standing in English and Mathematics.

To the boy and girl who has improved most in spelling will be awarded two dollars and fifty cents each by the Higgins School Parent-Teacher Association.

Two dollars and fifty cents will be awarded to the boy and girl showing the greatest improvement in general schoolwork during the year.

The Lions Club will award five dollars to the pupil having the best Vocation Scrapbook.

The pupils and faculty of Alvin D. Higgins School wish to express their appreciation to the donors of these prizes.

leave their bass voices to Edward Jekot and Kenneth Lannon.

21. Beverly Secondo wills her giggles to Anita Ford.

22. Alice Riley wills her promising voice of Elsie Tatoian.

23. Karl Russotto leaves his athletic ability to James Spanswick.

24. Robert Jemiola leaves his wit to Wilfred Bourque.

25. Howard Bromage and Louis Secondo leave their efficiency for getting work in on time to Norman Reynolds and Albert Goodale.

26. Vivian Wezowicz wills her popularity with the boys to Jean Ravenola. Watch out boys!

27. Joseph Orefice leaves his faithfulness as monitor of the 8⁷ cloak room to George Criscitelli. Keep the corridor clear, George.

28. Timmy Provencher wills his basketball talent to any seventh grader who wants to improve.

29. Marion Tkacz wills her style to Angie Nai.

30. Richard Longmore leaves his red hair to John De Venero. We hope John can use it to perfection in later years.

31. Stanley Garstka wills his love of history to anybody who is willing to take it.

32. Donald Gongola, handsomest boy,

leaves his good looks to some future Rock Hudson.

33. Joan Luczai and Rita Olchafskie will their tomboy ways to Geraldine Mercolino.

34. George Pare and Rosemarie Peraro will their brains to Mary Devine and John Gourlie.

35. Carolyn Tanguay wills her blond hair to Nancy Bourgeoise. Too bad Nancy won't have a chance to use it on Larry as Carolyn did. But we are sure Nancy has a Larry of her choice.

36. Albert Albano wills to George White his ability to wow the seventh grade girls.

37. Vincy Gennusa leaves her popularity with the teachers to Barbara Thompson.

All our property having been disposed of, we hereby elect Mr. White and the faculty, the chief executors, to dispose of these items as they see fit. In witness whereof, we do hereby set our hand and seal this nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

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Sports

THE 1953 edition of the Higgins School basketball team, complete with new blue and white uniforms, won the Thompsonville Junior High School League by sweeping all six of its league games.

The team ran roughshod over its opponents by running up a total of 378 points against 215 points for the opposition.

In addition, the "basketeers" eked out a slim victory, while being the underdogs, against Suffield Academy Freshmen team. It was a hard fought game for three periods, with the score changing hands eight times. Then, with the score tied at 15-15 and with six minutes to play, quick baskets by Gregorski, Nosal and Provencher put the game on ice. This led to a 30 to 19 victory. Gregorski led the scoring with 19 points, while Nosal and Bromage featured on the defense.

Against the Enfield High School Freshmen team, and playing against former Higgins players, the team refused to be defeated. Led by the scoring of Gregorski and Nosal, along with good defensive work by Scalia, Russotto and Bromage, Higgins, although trailing at the end of the third quarter 27 to 25, went on to win 41-36.

A last-game loss to Broad Brook 32-30 marred a perfect season.

Although teamwork, on the part of all players, was the most important single reason for the team's victories, certain players cannot be overlooked. These players are high scorers—Gregorski and Romano. However, along with Bob and Tony, the offense was helped by Tony Scalia, Karl Russotto, Tim Provencher, Tom Cuscovitch, and Mike Nosal, while defensively Ruppert Gove, Dennis Blaney, Howard Bromage, Roy Curcio and Donald Gongola shone.



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